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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Second Office Action mailed December 16, 2003. A one-month Request for Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith to extend the deadline from March 16, 2004, to April 16, 2004. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$172.00 as the fee for the additional independent claims presented herein. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including (1) the Declaration of Thao Nguyen Under 37 CFR § 1.132 and (2) translation of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 6-215344 is attached following page 24 of this paper.